

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 01354 052218Z

65

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 W

----- 067164

O 052158Z APR 76

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9356

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 1354

EXDIS

SECSTATE PASS SECDEF (ISA) AND SEC TREASURY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, CA

SUBJ: LONG-RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT

1. DOW JONES AND CANADIAN PRESS CARRY STORIES THIS MORNING APRIL 5 THAT LOCKHEED LRPA DEAL IS IN JEOPARDY. CITING "A HIGHLY-PLACED OFFICIAL," THEY SAY THAT FINANCING MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE ON TERMS ACCEPTABLE BOTH TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND LOCKHEED.

2. SOURCES OF THE STORY COULD BE MINDEF RICHARDSON OR SOMEBODY IN HIS OFFICE. RICHARDSON TOLD ME AT THE PRESS GALLERY DINNER APRIL 3 THAT THEY "NOW MUCH LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN BEFORE" THAT THE DEAL CAN BE BROUGHT OFF. RICHARDSON GAVE NO DETAILS OTHER THAN THAT "NEITHER SIDE REALLY WANTS TO BORROW MONEY." RICHARDSON MAY HAVE MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO MEDIA REPS PRESENT.

3. DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE NIXON, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK UP THE PACKAGE, TELLS ME TODAY THAT "THE FINANCING PICTURE HAS NEVER LOOKED BETTER." LOCKHEED REPS, NOW IN MONTREAL TO WORK OUT FINANCING DETAILS, CONFIRM THIS. NIXON DID ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT RICHARDSON IS DEVELOPING SOME UNSPECIFIED SERIOUS DOUBT ABOUT THE DEAL. RICHARDSON AND NIXON ARE MEETING TO GO OVER ALL THIS GROUND TONIGHT, INCLUDING RICHARDSON'S NEW DOUBTS. DEPENDING ON HOW

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 01354 052218Z

SERIOUS THE DIFFICULTIES ARE, I WILL SEE RICHARDSON OR

NIXON TOMORROW.

4. COMMENT: IT MAY BE THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION THE  
PC HAS GENERATED ON THE GOVERNMENT THIS WEEK IN THE  
COMMONS IS FINALLY GETTING THROUGH TO RICHARDSON. HE  
HAS ALL ALONG BEEN THE STRONGEST ADVOCATE OF THE LRPA.  
ENDERS

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MILITARY AIRCRAFT, MILITARY SALES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 05 APR 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** SmithRJ  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976OTTAWA01354  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760128-0218  
**From:** OTTAWA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760496/aaaadevw.tel  
**Line Count:** 69  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** SmithRJ  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 12 APR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <12 APR 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <17 AUG 2004 by SmithRJ>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** LONG-RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT  
**TAGS:** MILI, CA, US, LOCKHEED  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006